

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 02-274-A)**

PATENT

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED APRIL 19, 2006

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present the amendments to the specification at page 2, marked up to show changes made relative to the immediate prior version of the specification.

Amendments to the Claims: Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, Applicants present a complete listing of the claims, including marked up versions of all currently amended claims, at pages 3-4.

Remarks: Applicants' Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.